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CONFIRMATION OF INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

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The Examiner is thanked for the interview held on February 2, 2001. As FEB - 5 2001 explained in the Interview Summary received today via facsimile, the interview TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800 resulted in the allowance of claim 16 and thus the entire application. In a 5 conversation held with Mr. Colilla this afternoon, he explained that the application is allowed and that he submitted his paperwork for issuing a Notice of Allowance on February 2, 2001.

The Final Office Action was mailed August 3, 2000, whereby the six month statutory period for response ends today. A search through PAIR was conducted 10 today of the PTO database and no Notice of Allowance had yet been recorded. Mr. Colilla also searched the PTO database during our conversation today and confirmed that the Notice of Allowance had not yet been recorded. The Examiner, however, explained that the effective date for the Notice of Allowance would be the date of the

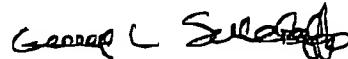
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interview, namely February 2, 2001. During the conversation with the Examiner this afternoon, the Examiner assured me that he spoke with his supervisor and that, according to the M.P.E.P., the application would not go abandoned and that no response is necessary even though the Notice of Allowance had not yet been recorded.

5 Upon review of the M.P.E.P., section 1302.03 does recite that an Interview Summary PTO-413 should be promptly sent to applicant since "it may avoid an unnecessary appeal and act as a safeguard against a holding of abandonment." Thus, based on this section of the M.P.E.P. and the Examiner's assurances, we understand that the application has been allowed and that no response is necessary.

10 The Examiner is again thanked for all of his assistance in this application. Authorization for any extension of time or other fees due was given to the Examiner during the interview. Confirmation of this authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Order Account No. 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,



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